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The amendment filed on January 10, 2003 amending claim 16 from a composition claim to a polymer claim as to in effect cancel all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the polymer claim is a product of a composition with one component, i.e. the amine, in common with the elected invention and the requirement that an epoxy polymer be used to make the now claimed polymer, however a different polymer with an epoxy group than set forth in the original composition claims as noted by the addition of P and the definition thereof is used to react with the amine. Thus, the polymer described now by claim 16 is not the product of the reaction of the mixture set forth in the original claim 16. Applicants by amending the claim have presented a new group of claims not before the examiner when the restriction was presented.

The examiner notes applicants elected the Invention of Group VI which is the composition as set forth in the original claim 16. Applicants have by amendment cancelled all claims drawn to their elected invention. Applicants are required to submit claims that read on the elected Group VI as set forth in the Office Action of December 18, 2002. Applicants clearly elected Group VI in their response of January 10, 2003.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Primary Examiner Cynthia Hamilton whose telephone number is (703) 308-3626. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet Baxter can be reached on (703) 308-2303. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9310 for regular communications and (703) 872-9311 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of papers not received regarding this communication or earlier communications, or of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Customer Service Center of Technology Center 1700 whose telephone number is (703) 306-5665.

Cynthia Hamilton
March 19, 2003

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